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REMARKS

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks Examiner Tran for the courtesies extended during the personal, telephone interviews conducted with Applicant and Lisa Sims on December 12, 2006, December 19, 2006, and December 22, 2006. During those interviews, Applicant and Applicant's representative discussed features that distinguish the invention recited in the independent claims from the documents cited and applied by the Examiner in the pending Office Action dated September 29, 2006. The Examiner agreed that the cited documents do not teach the feature of a support tube, as similarly recited in each of independent Claims 1, 13, 31, 57, 63, and 72, and as discussed in more detail below.

Status of the Claims

After entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1, 3-4, 6-10, 12-13, 15-18, 20-31, 33-40, 42, 57-61, and 63-79 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 13, 21, 31, 57, 63, and 72 are the independent claims. Applicant has amended Claim 57 herein and has canceled Claim 62 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. No new matter has been added by way of the above amendments.

Summary of the Office Action

In the Office Action dated September 29, 2006, Claims 57-62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Application Publication Nos. 08-237763 to Sadatoshi and 2001-015071 to Fujii Kunio. In addition, Claims 1, 3-4, 6-10, 12-13, 15-18, 20, 31, 33-40, 42, and 63-79 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,472,824 to Hsiao. Claims 21-30 were allowed.

Claim Rejections

After discussion of the outstanding rejections during the telephonic interview conducted on December 22, 2006, Applicant understands that all of the claim rejections will be withdrawn and that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. In particular, the Examiner has agreed that each of the pending independent claims is patentable over the cited documents

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because none of the cited documents teaches or suggests at least the features of: (1) a support tube, as similarly recited in independent Claims 1, 13, 31, 57, 63, and 72; (2) the support tube being configured to be removably attached to at least a portion of a wireless network component housing, as similarly recited in independent Claims 1, 13, and 31; and (3) the support tube attaching to the housing generally above the recess channel, as similarly recited in independent Claims 1, 13, 31, 63, and 72.

Dependent Claims

Each of the dependent claims depends directly or indirectly from one of the independent claims discussed above. Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claims, Applicant submits that the dependent claims are likewise patentable over the documents of record. The dependent claims also recite additional features that further define the claimed invention over the cited documents. Accordingly, Applicant requests separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim.

Additional Prior Art

Applicant acknowledges the additional prior art of record, but has not discussed the cited references specifically because they were not relied upon by the Examiner in forming the above-mentioned rejections.

Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action mailed September 29, 2006. Applicant submits that this Amendment and Response places the application in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully requests such action. If any issues exist that can be resolved with an Examiner's Amendment or a telephone conference, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at 404.572.4874.

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